

THE BENEFITS OF USING BLOG IN EFL WRITING CLASSES

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ABSTRACT

In line with the development of information technology, the use of blog has become a trend in writing. The study was done to explore students' experiences in using blog in writing classes to find out the benefits of using blog. To do this, a questionnaire had been distributed to 100 respondents. The study revealed there are 8 benefits of using blog. They are: blog increased quality of writing, facilitated critical thinking skill, provided useful aids, saved time used, encouraged a sense of ownership and unique online identity, provided meaningful learning, built self-confidence, and offered examples for students to model and to learn. The findings are expected to promote awareness of the importance of blog in writing. Therefore, teachers can consider utilizing the use of blog in writing classes.

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